

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22, 2023
Meeting minutes

In attendance: Joseph Pace, Robert Solomon, Robert Gustafson

J. Pace opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:11pm

Public Comment- Stephen Nickologianes- 7 Old Amesbury Road- addressed the board in public forum about his concerns with the ongoing excavation behind Viking Welding. Do they have a permit and he believes that they have gone onto 1 Old Amesbury Road with excavation. Is there an end in site for this project. K. Felch explained that they have an active gravel pit that is permitted on an abutting property 3-17-2. The board asked K. Felch to look into the permit and the parameters of the permit. S. Nickologianes stated that if they have a permit does it extend to the neighboring property? That will be looked into.

There were no department heads present at the meeting.

Intent to Excavate Permits-

- Felch- 9-2- the yearly permit was reviewed.
B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the Intent to Excavate for M9 L2, B. Solomon seconded, all in favor.
- Wiggin- M3 L17-2- the yearly permit was reviewed. They noted that this was the lot commented on earlier, but this is separate from that and they will approve the permit.
B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the Intent to Excavate for M3 L17-2 off of Amesbury Road, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.

Audit Engagement Letter-

- The board reviewed the audit engagement letter. K. Felch stated that the audit went very well and the town should have the MS 535 back by May. **B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the Audit Engagement Letter and for the Chair to sign on behalf of the board, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.**

Additional Trash Carts-

- K. Felch presented two requests for additional trash carts. The board reviewed them and stated that to change out the 65 gallon cart to a 95 gallon cart had to be run by Casella to be sure we can still do that within our current contract. K. Felch will reach out. If we still can the carts will be switched out. Additional carts are available for purchase for \$185 yearly.

Intent to Cut-

- The board reviewed the intent to cut for 100 acres of a 271 acre lot. They want to discuss next meeting and send this to the conservation commission for their individual comments to the board before the boards next meeting. K. Felch will forward and put on the agenda for the 3/6/23 meeting.

Recreation and Social Committee-

- B. Solomon reported for the committee that they will be doing the Eggstravaganza again this year on April 1, 2023 with the approval of KES. The board saw no problems with this program.
 - The board does want to see some sort of budget for the programs so when they are approved there is a budget amount approved as well. This program budget will be coming from the Town Budget and not the Recreation Revolver.

B. Solomon made a motion to approve the Eggstravaganza for the Recreation and Social Committee, seconded by B. Gustafson, all in favor.

- The board wants K. Felch as Town Administrator to be able to approve incidental checks associated with the programs so that there is a faster turn over then the 2-3 week wait for the program checks to be issued.
- The committee is also looking to start a Mother & Son Bowling Event, much like the Father Daughter Dance. They are looking to hold this at the Exeter Bowling Lanes but no plans are finalized yet.
- Senior Tea- the committee is holding a senior tea for the Senior Citizens in town on March 15, 2023 at 10 am at the town hall. They are hoping that this will be well attended so that they can do more events like this.

Memorial Day Program-

- J. Pace was asked by KES if the town wanted to participate in the KES Memorial Day Celebration again this year. All board members agreed that was a good idea.

Large Groundwater Withdrawal Application for the Town of Exeter-

- The board members will write down their concerns if they have any and submit them to K. Felch and the town will develop a letter to be submitted to NHDES for the official record.

March Election Appointments-

- **Inspectors of Elections/Ballot Clerks: Term expires 4/2023**
 - Ann Noll; Della Boswell; Lisa Perreault; Jane Bannister; Jean Waldron; Sandra DeMaree
 - Janice Miller; Jacquelyn Benson

B. Gustafson made a motion to appoint:

○ **Eileen Pacy; Ami Steinmetz Delgado; Laura Sforza; Cathleen Roy Dwelley**
as the Inspectors of Elections/Ballot Clerks with a term to expire on 4/2023, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.

- **Greeters/Guides for Voters: Term expires 4/2023**
 - Eileen Pacy; Ami Steinmetz Delgado; Laura Sforza; Cathleen Roy Dwelley

B. Gustafson made a motion to appoint:

- Eileen Pacy; Ami Steinmetz Delgado; Laura Sforza; Cathleen Roy Dwelleyas the ***Greeters/Guides for Voters*** with a term to expire on 4/2023, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.
- ***Election Workers for end of night Reconciliation: Term Expires 4/2023***
 - Jenny Leonard; Nobby Ledoux; Katelynn Dow; Lisa Perreault; Jane Bannister
 - Ben Cole; Russell Perry; Peter Merrill

B. Gustafson made a motion to appoint:

- Jenny Leonard; Nobby Ledoux; Katelynn Dow; Lisa Perreault; Jane Bannister
 - Ben Cole; Russell Perry; Peter Merrill
- as the ***Election Workers for end of night Reconciliation*** with a term to expire on 4/2023, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.

- ***Assistant Moderators/ Selectmen Pro Tempore: Term expires 4/2023***

- Ben Cole – Asst. Moderator; Russell Perry – Asst. Moderator
- Peter Merrill – Selectmen Pro Tempore

B. Gustafson made a motion to appoint:

- Ben Cole – Asst. Moderator; Russell Perry – Asst. Moderator
 - Peter Merrill – Selectmen Pro Tempore
- as the positions stated above with a term to expire on 4/2023, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.

Board received email from Al Brandano-

- J. Pace and K. Felch received an email from Al Brandano requesting to be put on the agenda for a number of items. The board believes these items to be resolved and stated that the agenda is for official town business. All board members agreed.

Bills were signed.**Minutes from February 6, 2023 & February 8, 2023-**

- B. Solomon made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/6/23 and 2/8/23, seconded by B. Gustafson all in favor.

Next meeting will be on March 6, 2023, at 6:30pm. Election will be on March 14, 2023.

B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 9:01pm, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch
Town Administrator